

SOME facts  
about gifts  
for Missions  
during the year  
1907-08

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*Treasurer*

# Gifts for Missions During the Year 1907-08

NEW YORK, September 15th, 1908.

TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE DOMESTIC AND  
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Gentlemen:*

Herewith I present as fully as possible the detailed figures for the close of the fiscal year. It will be seen that the total contributions from all sources amounted to \$988,097.04, or say \$41,270.87 more than last year, while (as all the members of the Board are aware), the appropriations were very much larger, so that our total deficiency (after deducting lapsed balances and applying \$141,961.79 of legacies) is \$48,517.50.

As this deficiency is left after applying this \$141,000 of legacies, it will be seen that the gifts of the living Church this year have not met the appropriations by nearly \$189,000, although the showing is better than I had expected some weeks ago.

It is with a feeling of regret that I am obliged to report another deficit, and I feel in duty bound to say to the Board that while the financial outlook for the coming year is somewhat more reassuring than it was last year at this time, yet I am thoroughly satisfied that we shall have to use the greatest care and economy and should not increase the obligations which we have assumed, at least for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. THOMAS,

*Treasurer.*

# The Treasurer's Annual Statement

September 15th, 1908.

TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE DOMESTIC AND  
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Gentlemen:*

I would report that while it was intended to close the books on September 8th, so many messages and telegrams were received every day asking that certain items be received and included in the figures of the closing year toward the Apportionment, it was decided to keep the books open and receive money up to September 12th inclusive.

The contributions for the year, applying upon the appropriations, classified in the usual manner, have been as follows:

From Parish Offerings.....	\$372,637 00
From Gifts of Individuals.....	104,685 58
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	\$477,322 58
From Sunday-schools.....	135,277 61
From Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary .....	131,672 08
From Individual Members of the Woman's Auxiliary.....	7,242 22
From the Junior Auxiliary.....	11,661 60
From Interest.....	74,382 32
Miscellaneous Items.....	12,078 06
From Men's Thank-offering, for 1907 deficiency.....	138,460 57
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	\$988,097 04

Comparing the foregoing with last year I would report  
an increase in

Parish offerings of.....	3,219 32
Individual offerings of.....	7,126 51
Woman's Auxiliary offerings of..	12,671 17
Interest receipts of.....	11,303 35
Miscellaneous items of.....	7,739 61
Men's Thank-offering, for 1907 deficiency .....	138,460 57

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\$180,520 53

And a decrease in

Sunday-school offerings of.....	989 09
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Or a net increase

From usual sources of .....	\$ 41,070 87
From Men's Thank- offering .....	138,460 57
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It will be noticed also that the offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary and its Junior Branch, including the \$74,709.34 withdrawn from the United Offering of 1904 and 1907 for the appropriations, have been \$150,575.90.

The total of contributions from parishes and individuals under the Apportionment Plan, during the six years in which it has been in use has been very largely increased and the figures are about double those of seven years ago. In 1901 they were \$235,993.81. Last year they were \$466,976.75. This year they were \$477,322.58, or a gain the past year of \$10,345.83; or a gain as compared with seven years ago of \$241,328.77. In the seven years also the number of contributing parishes has more than doubled.

In 1902, the first year of the Apportionment, eight dioceses and ten missionary districts completed their apportionments; a total of eighteen. This year twenty-one

dioceses and twenty-six missionary districts have completed their apportionments; a total of forty-seven. This year's list is as follows:

## DIOCESES

Arkansas	North Carolina
Duluth	Oregon
East Carolina	Pennsylvania
Florida	Rhode Island
Kansas	South Carolina
Kentucky	Vermont
Lexington	Virginia
Maine	Western Massachusetts
Michigan City	West Texas
Montana	West Virginia
New Hampshire	

## MISSIONARY DISTRICTS

Alaska	Salina
Arizona	South Dakota
Asheville	Southern Florida
Eastern Oregon	Spokane
Honolulu	The Philippines
Idaho	Utah
Kearney	Western Colorado
Nevada	Wyoming
New Mexico	Africa
North Dakota	Cuba
Oklahoma	Hankow
Porto Rico	Shanghai
Sacramento	Tokyo

I think we have every reason to feel encouraged over the success which has attended this method and the spirit in which the Apportionment Plan has been accepted by the whole Church. We have tried to keep the

Church constantly posted as to the progress that has been made in this connection by monthly detailed reports sent throughout each diocese, and also to members of the General Convention, to our Department Secretaries, and to general Church and diocesan papers. We have received many letters of appreciation and a great deal of valuable information as to what has been done to carry out this plan in the various dioceses and parishes.

The Lenten offerings from the Sunday-schools continue to be most gratifying. Two years ago there was a very large increase; nearly \$17,000. A year ago the total of the previous year was slightly exceeded. This year the offering is only \$743.88 less. The amount received last year was \$137,914.43 from 3,807 Sunday-schools. This year we have received \$137,170.55 from 3,801 Sunday-schools.

The appropriations of the Board have been larger than ever before, say \$1,040,115.76.

Increased and more widespread efforts have been put forth this year to secure the needed funds to meet these increased obligations. These efforts have cost more money; the net total of central expenses and making the work known to the Church having been, for administration and collection, \$65,840.73; for printing reports of the Board, THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS for the clergy, extra pages in THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS, pamphlets and leaflets for gratuitous distribution, \$39,429.22; Department Secretaries, \$9,956.54; or a total of \$115,226.49. The gross receipts of the Society have amounted to \$2,642,139.56. The percentage of central expenses upon the gross receipts has been a little less than four and four-tenths per cent. ( $4\frac{4}{10}\%$ ). This is much lower than usual because during the year we have received, and to a large extent paid out, the Men's Missionary Thank-offering and the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering, amounting to over \$1,000,000, and although this required a very large amount of additional work, practically no additional expense was incurred. Last year the percentage of central expenses

was eight and one-half per cent. which is more nearly the usual rate.

The deficiency to September 1st, 1907, was \$138,460.57, and was met by an appropriation from the Men's Thank-offering as provided for when that offering was undertaken three years ago.

The contributions for the year, \$849,636.47, together with the legacies which can be applied toward the appropriations (including \$960 from the Martin bequest of some years ago), say \$141,961.79, do not cover the appropriations of the year, which are \$1,040,115.76, by \$48,517.50, which is the deficiency on September 1st, 1908.

This deficiency has been temporarily covered by the Reserve Deposits. These are sums set aside a number of years ago by the Board of Managers from legacies and other sources, amounting to \$109,120.81, to meet the payments during the early months of the year when the contributions are few. The Board also holds in the same way an additional fund of \$12,189.48 for China, and received during the last four years new Reserve Deposits to protect the credit of the Society of \$115,000, known as the "W. M. B. Fund." A fund of \$100,000 to be known as the "Bessie Moorhead Thomas Memorial Fund," one-half of which is to be used for this same purpose, as an additional Reserve Deposit; and the gift of Mrs. Eleanor A. Goldsborough, deceased, late of All Saints' Parish, Talbot County (in the Diocese of Easton), Maryland, \$100,000; also the gift of "A Friend," in the Diocese of New York, \$7,500. These deposits together therefore now make \$393,810.29; and, as stated above, the deficiency to September 1st, 1908, is temporarily covered thereby.

The main purpose of the above Reserve Deposits, as has been said, was to meet payments in the early months of the fiscal year when the contributions are light and when the appropriations must be paid in regular amounts every month in order that the Board might thus be spared the necessity of borrowing money, which has been found un-

avoidable until this reserve was established. As an illustration, in the first six months of this past year, the appropriations were \$520,000, while the contributions were only \$237,000, and the Reserve Deposits were provided to help tide over such a period. The order was, in establishing these deposits, that all amounts temporarily withdrawn from said funds during the year should be returned thereto before the close of the fiscal year, if possible; but in my judgment it is a matter of the most vital importance that the Reserve Deposits should be fully restored at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. THOMAS,  
*Treasurer.*

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